



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5903

February Session, 2008

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AN ACT CONCERNING DRINKING WATER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-352 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The [Department of Environmental Protection, the Department
4 of Public Health and the Office of Policy and Management, shall
5 establish a continuing planning process and shall prepare and
6 periodically update jointly] Water Planning Council, established
7 pursuant to section 25-33o, shall develop a process and
8 implementation schedule that shall be utilized by said council for the
9 development, implementation and periodic update of a state-wide
10 long-range plan for the management of water company lands,
11 watershed lands and the water resources of the state. Such plan shall
12 be based on scientifically quantifiable data and shall establish a
13 method to: Effectively allocate water resources, prioritize water
14 apportionment among users, meet the needs and requirements of
15 industry, agriculture and public utilities, advance ecological
16 protections, enhance public health and public safety, and properly
17 manage flood control. In [carrying out such preparation the aforesaid
18 agencies] developing such long-range plan, the Water Planning
19 Council shall: (1) Design a unified planning program and budget; (2)
20 coordinate regional water and sewer facilities plans; [and provide

21 technical or financial assistance to regional planning agencies in the
22 preparation of regional water and sewer facilities plans which are
23 necessary as guidelines for the planning and designing of local and
24 interlocal facilities and which are required by the federal government
25 as a prerequisite for grants to municipalities for the construction of
26 certain water and sewer facilities] (3) seek involvement of interested
27 parties; (4) coordinate with the Office of Responsible Growth,
28 established by Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell; and
29 (5) integrate individual water utility coordinating committee plans, the
30 state plan of conservation and development, as described in section
31 16a-30, and any other planning documents deemed necessary by said
32 council.

33 (b) The [state-wide water resources] plan developed pursuant to
34 subsection (a) of this section shall: (1) Identify the quantities and
35 qualities of water that could be available to specific areas under
36 feasible distribution; (2) identify present and projected demands for
37 water for specific areas; (3) recommend the utilization of the state's
38 water resources, including surface and subsurface water, for their
39 greatest benefits; (4) make recommendations for such major
40 engineering works or special districts which may be necessary,
41 including the need, timing and general cost thereof; (5) recommend
42 land use and other measures where appropriate to insure the desired
43 quality and abundance of water; (6) take into account desired
44 recreational, agricultural, industrial and commercial use of water
45 bodies; (7) take into account the ecological and environmental impact
46 that implementation of the plan will have on the state; (8) include short
47 and long-range objectives and strategies to effectuate the purposes of
48 this section; and [(7)] (9) seek to incorporate regional and local plans
49 and programs for water use and management and plans for water and
50 sewerage facilities in the state-wide plan. Not later than January 1,
51 2009, the Water Planning Council shall submit such plan and
52 implementation schedule, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint
53 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
54 matters relating to public health, planning and development, the

55 environment, and public utilities for consideration and review by said
56 committees.

57 [(c) Upon completion of each planning document and when
58 adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the
59 Commissioner of Public Health and the Secretary of the Office of
60 Policy and Management, said final plan shall be submitted to the
61 General Assembly.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2008	22a-352
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PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*